

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

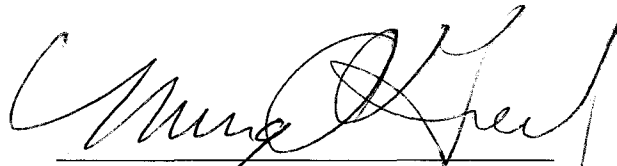
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 20, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
implementing the double
homestead exemption for low-
income seniors constitutional
amendment

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Sen. Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

02-20-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS LEGISLATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IMPLEMENTING THE DOUBLE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOTERS DURING THE FALL
ELECTION

WHEREAS, during the 2006 session, the Florida Legislature enacted House Joint Resolution 353 sponsored by Representative Carlos Lopez-Cantera of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation that placed on the statewide ballot a constitutional amendment allowing cities and counties the local option to double the homestead exemption for low-income seniors from \$25,000 to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, during the fall election, more than 76 percent of voters statewide approved this constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, the next step is for the Florida Legislature to implement this constitutional amendment and amend Florida Statutes to authorize cities and counties to double the homestead exemption for low-income seniors; and

WHEREAS, this Board has strongly supported property tax relief particularly for senior citizens over the last several years, including supporting a doubling of the homestead exemption for all homestead property owners from \$25,000 to \$50,000 phased in over four years, Resolution No. 473-04; supporting a freeze of the assessed value of homestead property of low-income seniors, Resolution No. 419-05; and allowing “empty nest” seniors and the disabled the option to move to a smaller, less expensive home within the same county without giving up their Save Our Homes differential, Resolution No. 1168-05,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass legislation implementing the constitutional amendment approved by voters this fall that would authorize cities and counties to double the homestead exemption for low-income senior citizens from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbying team to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above; and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Sen. Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty

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